

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

Section 1: Basic Data

Awarding institution/body	UWE	
Teaching institution	UWE	
Delivery Location(s)	UWE Frenchay and St Matthias	
Faculty responsible for programme	Social Sciences and Humanities	
Modular Scheme title	Humanities Undergraduate Modular Scheme	
Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body Links (type and dates)	NA	
Highest award title	BA (Hons) English	
Default award title	NA	
Interim award titles	BA English; Certificate in Higher Education – English; Diploma in Higher Education – English	
UWE progression route	5	
Mode(s) of delivery	Face to Face	
Codes UCAS code Q300	JACS code	
ISIS code	HESA code	
Relevant QAA subject benchmark statements		
On-going/valid until* (*delete as appropriate/insert end date)	Ongoing	
Valid from (insert date if appropriate)	September 2010	
Original Validation Date: September 2005		
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Section 2: Educational aims of the programme

Single honours English students may expect the programme:

- To provide an intellectually challenging and rewarding curriculum in English.
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- To provide a supportive environment for students' academic and personal development.
- To allow students to pursue their own literary interests and enthusiasms.
- To prepare students for the variety of career paths which favour self-disciplined, self-motivated graduates with good thinking and communication skills.

Section 3: Learning outcomes of the programme

The award route provides opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate knowledge and understanding, qualities, skills and other attributes in the following areas: ...

A Knowledge and understanding

Lea	arning outcomes	Teaching, Learning and Assessment Strategies	
AK	Knowledge and understanding of:	Teaching/learning methods and strategies:	
1	a wide range of literature in English from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, with some knowledge of pre-1800 literature;	Acquisition of skill 1 is through the required reading on core and optional modules, through constant encouragement to undertake wider, independent reading in support of the required	
2	the cultural and historical contexts, which shaped and were shaped by the authors and texts studied;	reading, and through the support given to students to pursue individual interests and enthusiasms in their dissertations.	
3	the formal and aesthetic dimensions of the three main genres of fiction, poetry, and drama;	Acquisition of skills 2 - 6 is through a combination of lectures, seminars, and workshops, as appropriate to each module, with dissertation supervision provided through a mixture of small-	
4	the key terms and concepts used in the analysis and interpretation of literary ideas;	group sessions and individual tutorials. On most modules, students are expected to deepen their understanding of topics by immersing themselves	
5	the range and variety of modern approaches to the study of literary texts;	in the secondary literature, on which detailed guidance is given in module handbooks.	
6	the interrelations of literary study with the knowledge produced within other disciplines.	Assessment:	
		Assessment is strongly biased towards the continuous assessment of written work, which includes traditional critical essays and extended essays, evaluations of critical sources, bibliographical exercises, film and performance analyses, journals, reflections on group presentations and performance pieces, creative writing assignments and portfolios of writing. In accordance with University regulations, at least 25% of the assessment on each module is carried out under controlled conditions, which usually means, but is not limited to, seen or unseen examinations.	

B Intellectual Skills

	successful completion of this award students be able to demonstrate the following skills:	Teaching/learning methods and strategies:	
1	the ability to identify the complexities of the major literary genres and other forms of written and oral communication;	Intellectual skills are developed for skills 1 and 2 through attending lectures and intellectual debate in seminars and reading both primary and critical material. Skills 3 and 4 are acquired by writing	
2	the ability to analyse the roles, methodologies, ideologies and historical contexts of literary critical traditions;	critical essays and, where appropriate, creative writing portfolios. Skill 5 is achieved through a combination of these and progression through the award from core modules through to more self	
3	the ability to write critical essays, which demonstrate an ability to form arguments and synthesise critical ideas;	directed learning on optional modules and the dissertation.	
4	an awareness of how literature and language produce and reflect cultural difference; comprehension of the overall complexities of the discipline and its relationship to other disciplines and forms of language.	Assessment. The variety of assessment methods employed all place great emphasis (as shown in the subject's assessment criteria) on the learner's ability to demonstrate skills 1-5 through short and long essays, dissertations and creative writing, and seen and unseen examinations. A minimum of 25% of modular assessment is based on controlled conditions exercises.	

C Subject, Professional and Practical Skills

	successful completion of this award students be able to demonstrate the following skills:	Teaching/learning methods and strategies:
1	the ability to apply appropriate techniques of literary criticism to the written interpretation and analysis of texts;	Students receive guidance in the use of appropriate critical terminology via lectures and seminar discussion, one-to-one tutorials, and in feedback on written work. The English Student
2	the ability to deploy appropriate critical language in written communication;	Handbook and individual Module Handbooks offer guidelines on the presentation of literary research. Seminar preparation, participation and
3	the ability to deploy appropriate critical language in oral communication;	more formal presentations offer opportunities for developing competence in oral communication. Writing competencies are tested in a variety of writing competencies including course work
4	knowledge of the conventions of literary research and presentation, including citation and referencing;	written assignments, including coursework assignments and examinations. Guidance on the planning and production of independent work is given through tutorial support in the compulsory dissertation module and guidelines in the
5	the ability to design and produce a substantial piece of independent research or personal writing.	appropriate module handbook. Assessment:
		Skills 1, 2 and 4 are assessed through a variety of written assessments, ranging from the short essay (500 words) to the extended essay (4000 words), portfolio of writing and formal test and examination. Skill 5 is assessed through the dissertation (compulsory for single honours students), which includes a progress report component (worth 5% of the assessment). Skill 3 is not formally assessed, but is developed through seminar participation.

D Transferable Skills and other attributes

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successful completion of this award students	Teaching/learning methods and strategies:
be able to demonstrate the ability to.	Students learn writing skills not only through
produce effective written communication;	formal assignments, examinations and tests but also through written exercises in seminars and
marshal their ideas in a limited time;	workshops (skill 1). Some of these have time limits set on them (skill 2). Students learn to study
study effectively;	effectively by attending the faculty's study skills workshops or tutorials, or by consulting study
manage their time efficiently;	skills books or computer packages as well as by receiving feedback from staff in tutorials. Some of
locate and evaluate information sources and extract relevant information;	them form self-help study groups (skill 3). They learn to manage their time by dealing with the time constraints of deadlines and balancing the
use a computer for word processing, obtaining information, and presenting data;	demands of different modules; they can also attend time management tutorials (skill 4). They are introduced to library and IT skills in induction;
take responsibility for their own learning;	they can follow this up by attending IT training courses (skills 5 and 6). They are encouraged to
communicate effectively orally;	take responsibility for their own learning in a variety of ways; for example, by formulating their
work efficiently as members of a team.	own essay titles, making choices about their learning, following up their own interests, and in particular studying for their dissertation (skill 8). They practice their oral communication in seminars on all modules, and in some modules they are expected to do a reading, give a presentation or lead a session (skill 8). Many modules specifically encourage team work by, for example, requiring groups of students to give a presentation, present an improvisation or put on a play reading (skill 9)
	Assessment:
	All modules in English are assessed by at least two pieces of writing and many by three (skill 1). These pieces include essays, bibliographical exercises, pastiches, creative writing and journals. On each module one of these pieces is written under controlled conditions and in a limited time (skill 2). In order to be successful in all assessments, students need study skills (skill 3) and time management skills (skill 4). For their coursework they also need to be able to access information (skill 5) and are required to present their work in typewritten form (skill 6). In all modules, they are expected to take at least some responsibility for their own learning (skill 7); this is particularly true for the dissertation. Oral communication (skill 8) and teamwork (skill 9) are not formally assessed.
	be able to demonstrate the ability to: produce effective written communication; marshal their ideas in a limited time; study effectively; manage their time efficiently; locate and evaluate information sources and extract relevant information; use a computer for word processing, obtaining information, and presenting data; take responsibility for their own learning; communicate effectively orally;

ENTRY ↓	Year 1/ Level 1	Compulsory modules UPGPFV-60-1 UPGPPF-30-1 UPGPPG-30-1 Core modules There are no core modules at this stage of this award.	Optional modules There are no optional modules for this stage	 Interim Awards: Credit requirements 120 – Certificate in Higher Education Other requirements None
	VCU Year 2/Level 2		··· ·	 Interim Awards: Credit Requirements – 240 – Diploma in Higher Education Other requirements None
	Year 3/Level 3	Compulsory modules There are no compulsory modules at this stage. Core modules There are no core modules at this stage.	Optional modules Four of the following modules (or their equivalent) must be taken: UPGPTD-30-3 UPGPFD-30-3 UPGPFF-30-3 UPGPEG-30-3 UPGPFH-30-3 UPGPFA-30-3 UPGPFS-30-3 UPGPFS-30-3	 Prerequisite requirements Minimum credit/module requirements – 120 other - none Awards: Target/highest BA (Hons) Default title – Not applicable Credit requirements BA (Hons) – 360 BA - 300

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Section 4: Programme structure

Section 5: Entry requirements

Candidates must be able to satisfy the general admissions requirements of the University of the West of England with specific requirements as detailed below:

A & AS Levels

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BTEC - An appropriate National Diploma with good standing and final year grades within the range 3 Distinctions and 3 Merits – 5 Distinctions and 1 Merit.

Irish Highers – Passes with grades within the following range: BBB – ABBB.

Access Courses - Validated access course in appropriate subjects.

Baccalaureate – European with between 70% and 76%. International with between 28 and 32 points.

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Section 6: Assessment Regulations

- a) Wholly in accordance with MAR
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Section 7: Student learning: distinctive features and support

- One week's Induction Programme for orientation and study skills.
- Student Handbooks and Module Guides.
- Extensive library and other learning resources and facilities.
- Dedicated office hours for all staff, student email system, trained counsellors for both pastoral and academic support.
- A wide range of teaching and learning strategies and an equally varied range of assessment modes across the award.
- Strong emphasis on the skills of the independent learner and researcher.

Section 8 Reference points/benchmarks

The following reference points and considerations were used in designing the programme:

- University teaching and learning policies.
- Staff research projects.
- QAA Subject Benchmark statements.

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if he/she takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes, content and teaching, learning and assessment methods of individual modules can be found in module specifications. These are available on the University Intranet.

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Appendix 1: VCU International variant

UWE Level 2 (VCU Level 300/400 modules

NOTE: Students must take a total of 10 (US 3-credit – Level 300/400) modules

1. At least three of the following pre-1800 modules (or their equivalent) must be selected:

ENGL 320 18th-Century British Literature

ENGL 335 Literature of the English Renaissance

ENGL 400 Shakespeare: The Early Works

ENGL 401 Shakespeare: The Later Works

ENGL 402 Chaucer

ENGL 403 Milton

ENGL 407 Medieval Epic and Romance

ENGL 409 Medieval Studies

ENGL 410 Renaissance Studies

ENGL 411 18th-century British Studies

2. The balance of the 10 modules should be chosen from the following (or their equivalent):

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ENGL 313 Southern Literature

ENGL 314/AFAM 314 African-American Literature

ENGL 315 The Modern Novel

ENGL 316 Modern Poetry

ENGL 317 Modern Drama

ENGL 318 Contemporary Poetry

ENGL 321 British Literature of the Romantic Era

ENGL 322 Victorian Poetry

ENGL 323 Early 20th-century British Literature

ENGL 324 Later 20th-century British Literature

ENGL 351/TEDU 351 Children's Literature I

ENGL 352/WMNS 352 Feminist Literary Theory

ENGL 361/RELS 361 The Bible as Literature

ENGL 363/AFAM 363/INTL 366 African Literature

ENGL 365/AFAM 365/INTL 367 Caribbean Literature

ENGL 367 Eastern Thought in Western Literature

ENGL 371 American Literature: Colonial and Federal

ENGL 372 American Literature: American Romanticism

ENGL 373 American Literature: Realism and Naturalism

ENGL 374 American Literature: Early 20th Century

ENGL 375 American Literature: Contemporary ENGL 381 Fiction into Film

ENGL 384/WMNS 384 Women Writers

ENGL 385/ENVS 385 Nature Writing

ENGL 386/ANTH 386 Introduction to Folklore

ENGL 387/WMNS 387 Lesbian Texts/Queer Theories

ENGL 391 Topics in Literature

* WE ARE AIMING IN <u>THE FUTURE</u> FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE *UP TO* TWO (US – Level 300/400) MODULES FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE VCU UNDERGRADUATE SCHEME

OLD VERSION

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Teaching institution	UWE	
Faculty responsible for programme	Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences	
Programme accredited by	Not Applicable	
Highest award title	BA(Hons) English	
Default award title	Not Applicable	
Interim award title	BA English; Certificate in Higher Education – English; Diploma in Higher Education – English	
Modular Scheme title (if different)	Humanities Undergraduate Modular Scheme	
UCAS code (or other coding system if relevant)	Q300	
Relevant QAA subject benchmarking group(s)	English	
Valid until	Ongoing	
Valid from (insert date if appropriate)	September 2005	
Authorised by	Date:	
Version Code 3 (1/9/05)		
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	and synthesise critical ideas;	The variety of assessment methods employed all	
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9	knowledge of the conventions of literary research and presentation, including citation and referencing;	given through tutorial support in the compulsory dissertation module and guidelines in the appropriate module handbook.	
10	the ability to design and produce a substantial piece of independent research or	Assessment:	
	personal writing.	Skills 1, 2 and 4 are assessed through a variety of written assessments, ranging from the short essay (500 words) to the extended essay (4000 words), portfolio of writing and formal test and examination. Skill 5 is assessed through the dissertation (compulsory for single honours students), which includes a progress report component (worth 5% of the assessment). Skill 3 is not formally assessed, but is developed through seminar participation.	

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Section 4: Programme structure

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	Year 2/Level 2	Students must take at least one of the following modules: • UPGPDL-30-2 • UPGPDM-30-2 • UPGPTA-30-2 Core modules There are no core modules for this stage of this award.	Optional modules Overall, students must take at least one more Level 2 module in English (for a total of three); and one more from the following areas (for a grand total of four): English History Cultural and Media Studies Full lists can be obtained from the Faculty Administration Team.	 Interim Awards: Credit Requirements – 240 – Diploma in Higher Education Other requirements None
		Use this space to describe of placement THIS DOES NOT	ptional/compulsory year abroad/pla APPLY TO THIS AWARD	acement/clinical
	Year 3/Level 3	Compulsory modules UPGPPC-30-3 Core modules There are no core modules at this stage of this award.	Optional modulesStudents must take at least two Level 3 English modules drawn from the wide range of optional modules on offer.In addition students may take one module in one of the following areas: English, History or Cultural and Media Studies.Full lists can be obtained from the Faculty Administration Team.	 Prerequisite requirements Minimum credit/module requirements – 120 other - none Awards: Target/highest BA (Hons) Default title – Not applicable Credit requirements BA(Hons) – 360 BA - 300

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